

Remarks/Arguments

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in light of the accompanying remarks and arguments is respectfully requested.

In the aforesaid action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show the yarn of claim 1. While it is submitted that claim 1 did not at all require an illustration of a yarn to be understood, in the interests of resolving this issue, claims 1-3 have been cancelled without prejudice, leaving claim 4-11 in the application, none of which require any additional drawings.

The Examiner objected to the specification and required a corrected substitute specification. This substitute specification is likewise believed to not be necessary. However, the substitute specification is being prepared and will be filed by supplemental amendment in due course.

The Examiner objected to claim 3 for including a chart. This claim has been cancelled without prejudice, and this obviates the objection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 as indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. By the present amendment, claims 1-3 have been cancelled as mentioned above. Claims 4-12 have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns, and are believed to be proper under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-3 had been rejected as anticipated by British Patent 296333. Since these claims have been cancelled without prejudice, the rejection is believed to be avoided.

It is noted that pending claims 4-12 were not rejected over prior art in the last action. Claim 4 has been redrafted as an independent claim, and it is submitted that claim 4 and its dependent claims 5-12 are in condition for allowance.

An earnest and thorough effort has been made to resolve all issues raised by the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. If, upon consideration of this response, the Examiner is of the opinion that issues remain which could be addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss same.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this paper. If any such fees are due, or if any overpayment is to be credited, please charge or credit same to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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